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1. SUMMARY: U.S. RESERVATION ON DECISION OF 4TH JUTE PREPARATORY MEETING RE LANDLOCKED COUNTRY IS SUSTAINED AS LANGUAGE OF THAT DECISION GOES BEYOND WHAT U.S. HAS AGREED TO IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE. GUIDANCE ON POSITION TO BE TAKEN IN FUTURE COMMODITY MEETINGS WILL

BE FORTHCOMING. END SUMMARY.

- 2. IN PAST DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE U.S. HAS RECOGNIZED CATEGORY OF LEAST DEVELOPED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (LLDC'S) AS ONE WHICH DESERVES SPECIAL PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. THIS POSITION HAS MOST RECENTLY BEEN CONFIRMED BY U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 98(IV). NEPAL IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY ECOSOC AS BEING IN THIS CATEGORY AND IS THEREFORE ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THAT CATEGORY.
- 3. U.S. AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE MADE DISTINCTION HOWEVER BETWEEN LLDC CATEGORY AND "LANDLOCKED" AND "ISLAND-DEVELOPING" CATEGORIES. U.S. HAS OPPOSED DILUTION OF CONCEPT "LEAST-DEVELOPED" BY ACCRETIONS OF THESE OTHER CATEGORIES BELIEVING THAT LATTER SITUATIONS ARE PARTICULAR CASES TO BE HANDLED ON OWN MERITS. U.S. AND MAJORITY OF GROUP B COUNTRIES HAVE NOT AGREED TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES OR SPECIALIZED STATUS FOR THESE CATEGORIES.
- 4. LANGUAGE OF JUTE MEETING DECISION RE SPECIAL CONSIDER-ATION FOR DEVELOPING LANDLOCKED LEAST DEVELOPED JUTE PRO-DUCING COUNTRY SUGGESTS FORMULATION OF CATEGORY DESERVING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BEYOND THAT OF LLDC'S. RESERVATION IS THEREFORE SUSTAINED. THIS IS NOT MEANT TO PRECLUDE FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF THOSE ASPECTS OF NEPAL'S PROBLEMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH JUTE WHICH ARISE FROM THE COUNTRY'S LANDLOCKED STATUS. CHRISTOPHER $\,$

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